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Docket No.: 44085-032

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Shigeaki IMAI et al.

Serial No.: 08/748,935

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Group Art Unit: 2772

Examiner: T. Nguyen

For: **METHOD FOR GENERATING THREE-DIMENSIONAL FORM DATA AND APPARATUS THEREFOR**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

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Sir:

Further to the Continued Prosecution Application filed herewith and prior to examination of the above-referenced Application, please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-3, 5, 7 and 8 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A computer-implemented method of generating three-dimensional form data to be used in a computer apparatus, the method comprising the steps of:

[generating two dimensional horizontal closed curves and vertical lines intersecting the closed curves, the closed curves and the lines corresponding to] preparing a three-dimensional form model defined by a three-dimensional form data made of a first quantity of data;